

# Rotokauri School Newsletter



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Dear Parents

*Nga mihi o te wa kia koe me to whanau.*

## **ROKOKAURI SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT**

Our positive environment will actively engage us all in learning.

## **ROKOKAURI SCHOOL VISION**

Together We Grow

- Unity (Kotahitanga)
- Inclusive (Manaakitanga)
- Guardianship (Kaitiakitanga)

Together We Learn

- Innovative (Auahatanga)
- Happy (Uruhau)
- Responsible (Tuutika)

## **ROKOKAURI SCHOOL VALUES**

**Persistence**

**Resilience**

**Integrity**

**Diversity**

**Excellence**

### **WELCOME**

Nau mai, haere mai ki te kura o Rotokauri.

Welcome to Amelia Redding to Room 1 and Rotokauri School.

We hope you and your whaanau/family enjoy your learning journey at Rotokauri School.

Ngaa mihi nui.

## **PRINCIPAL'S PIECE**

As we come to the conclusion of another busy term we can look back with pride at all that has been accomplished by the students, staff and families. I often tell people how fortunate we are at Rotokauri School to have –

- A supportive Board of Trustees that work hard to ensure that the children's learning at Rotokauri School is successful.
- A proactive PTA committee that are passionate about fundraising to provide the children with as many opportunities or resources as possible.
- Dedicated and hard-working staff who provide students with opportunities to excel and be successful in their learning.
- Fantastic students that are engaged and motivated, as witnessed by parents at the Student Led Conferences.
- Parents/caregivers that want the best for their children and have developed a positive partnership with the school.

I have been fortunate to accompany a number of students to events recently (e.g Winter Sports, Kapa Haka Festival) and have been incredibly impressed with the student's behaviour, sportsmanship, caring for one another, manners and a positive and enthusiastic attitude. We can stand proud as members of Rotokauri School.

I hope that you all take care over the holidays, relax and enjoy your children. We will welcome all students back to school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October, for another busy term.

Ngaa mihi – enjoy the holidays.

Desiree Smith

## BOT NEWS

The Board of Trustees have accepted Marie Carlson's resignation from her position as Secretary. If there is anybody that you know who might be interested in filling this role please ask them to let Desiree know. [dsmith@rotokauri.school.nz](mailto:dsmith@rotokauri.school.nz)

The Board of Trustees welcome Craig Zillwood to the committee. Elections for school BOT's will be held next year, so if there is anyone interested in finding out about being on a school Board please feel free to contact a current BOT member or come along to a BOT meeting.

The 10 year property plan for Rotokauri School has recently been signed off by the Ministry which is very exciting. The next step for us is to find a Project Manager to oversee some building projects that we have planned. If you know of somebody that could fulfill this role please let Desiree know. [dsmith@rotokauri.school.nz](mailto:dsmith@rotokauri.school.nz)

The Board of Trustees have replaced the school swimming pool filter system as we start to prepare for the summer swimming season. Thank you to the school caretaker Mr Hans for organizing all this work.

## PTA NEWS

### BOOK DONATIONS NEEDED

We need books for all ages  
fiction and non-fiction.  
Collection box in the MPR.



### Book Sale for the Car Show

**We need donations of books for the sale.  
All ages fiction and non-fiction.  
Supporting the book sale is a great way  
to recycle your books and make room for  
this year's purchases.**

**Please leave your books in the  
collection box in the MPR.  
Any questions please contact Petria  
0212170050.**



Email: [pta@rotokauri.school.nz](mailto:pta@rotokauri.school.nz)

## **CAR SHOW & GALA 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2018**

WANTED: New unwanted gifts or items that  
can be used as prizes at the Gala.

**(Collection Drop off Box in the school office)**

If you are interested and can help with any sponsorship or prizes please email us at  
[pta@rotokauri.school.nz](mailto:pta@rotokauri.school.nz) and we can give you some more details.



**JAR THROW**  
**Please bring in your  
jar(s) to your  
classroom.**



## GENERAL MATTERS

### Room 9 Opening

Due to roll growth, the Board of Trustees have decided to open a 9<sup>th</sup> classroom, which will be functioning in one half of the MPR. Mrs Win Schmits will be teaching the Year 1 students in this room from the beginning of Term 4.

### School App

The School App is up and operational so please download the app. We will be adding new functions/options throughout next term and into the new year. Please remember to use the school app for notifying the school office of your child's absence – this is our preference for this type of communication.

Thank you to the parents/caregivers that have already downloaded the school app.

### Group Day Entry Forms

The Group Day Committee have set up a new system this year. **There will be no entries accepted on the day as has been the case in the past.**

Entry forms were emailed to all Ag Day Entrants in the lamb and goat sections on 24<sup>th</sup> September. Completed entry forms need to be returned to our school office by 9.00 am Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> October (or preferably earlier).

Please contact the school office if you have any questions or if you did not receive the emailed form.

### Winter Sports Tournament Photos



### Agricultural Day

This week you will have received the Indoor Activities booklet for Agricultural Day via email and a newsletter. Please familiarize yourself with the information in the booklet, talk to your children about what they want to do and if you have any questions please ask your child/ren's classroom teacher.

Please remember that this is a school day for all students (even if they do not have an animal) and the school has made a number of changes to the Indoor programme to help with making the activities more accessible for everyone.

## CELEBRATIONS

At our assemblies the following children received certificates.

### Assembly Awards

#### **Week 8**

Room 1	Esme Gyde - Overcoming fear and climbing the a-frame net by yourself.
Room 1	Maddox Stratford - For putting in great effort to complete your work, and follow instructions.
Room 2	Rebecca Cameron - For really stepping up and helping out during class clean up times. It is much appreciated.
Room 2	Luca Rogers - For sharing your wonderful ideas in class discussions. Keep it up.
Room 3	Kaeleb Beets - For presenting his speech with great expression and confidence.
Room 3	Noah Rose - For showing the value of diversity, by always being friendly and showing kindness towards others.
Room 4	Caleb Jacobs - For making good progress in your writing. Keep it up!
Room 4	Deanna Smith - For trying to step out of your comfort zone and take risks.
Room 5	Nadia Peng - For showing courage by presenting your extremely interesting speech to the whole class.
Room 5	Imogen Jennings - For persistence with your reading. You are doing really well. Keep up the good work!
Room 6	Bella Wilson - For presenting a well-written speech with awesome expression and confidence - you did so well Bella, be proud!
Room 6	Hannah Hobbs - For presenting a well- written speech with awesome expression and confidence - you did so well Hannah, be proud!
Room 7	Corbyn Ridley - For doing so well in the Reading Programme with Mrs Oliver.
Room 7	Ella Caulfield - For doing so well in the Reading Programme with Mrs Oliver.
Room 8	Parsa Soltanizand - For writing and presenting a very informative and persuasive speech on overpopulation. Be proud!
Room 8	Liam Janssen - For presenting your speech, on why rugby is the best sport, with confidence and clarity.

#### **Week 9**

Room 1	Koby Rose - For making excellent progress in his reading and showing good understanding of the text.
Room 1	Nihil Maharaj - For being a responsible student, who shows initiative, and completes work to a high standard.
Room 2	Ashton Newbold - For your descriptive detailed writing.
Room 2	Hunter Edgar-Brewer - For excellent progress in reading and moving up 5 levels this term.
Room 3	Regan Bennett - For making excellent progress in his reading and demonstrating a good understanding of what he has read.
Room 3	Nayr Bradbury - For making excellent progress in his reading and moving up two levels!
Room 4	Charlie Jones - For working hard on your basic facts. Keep it up!
Room 4	Vedhikah Goundar - For always being a responsible and hard-working student.
Room 5	Mason Newbold - For being handy and helping a classmate in her time of need.
Room 5	Sophie Fairclough - For an amazing effort with both her speech writing and presentation.
Room 6	Seth Westgate - For working effectively and being organised with his group to be successful within our Trash to Fashion challenge.
Room 6	Lewis Surgenor - For working effectively and being organised with his group to be successful within our Trash to Fashion challenge.
Room 7	Daksh Prajapati - For being a true all-rounder - in class and at Winter Sports.
Room 7	Ella Sumner - For being a true all-rounder - in class and at Winter Sports.
Room 8	Tegan Barham - For showing integrity. Tegan, you consistently show such kindness toward others - thank you!
Room 8	Parsa Soltanizand - For showing integrity. Parsa, you go out of your way to look after your buddy from Room 2 - thank you!

## Maths Whizz Results

### **Week 8**

#### **Progression Placings:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Bella'Capri Nelson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Madson Garden
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Cooper McLean

#### **Classroom Placings:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Room 6
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Room 5
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Room 8

### **Week 9**

#### **Progression Placings:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Melisa Soltanizand
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Mya Aitchison
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Nalei Nelson

#### **Classroom Placings:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Room 6
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Room 8
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Room 4

## Term 3 Results

### **Winning Class**

Room 6

### **Top 10 Students - Progress**

- 1st - Corey Molloy
- 2nd - Jayden Ward
- 3rd - Bridgette Donny
- 4th - Mercedes Barber
- 5th - Lewis Surgenor
- 6th - Seth Westgate
- 7th - Vinnie Gibson
- 8th - Ciaran Williams-Thomas
- 9th - Rhys Jorgensen
- 10th - Lily Allen

## CEM Results

Congratulations to the students that participated in the CEM online Spelling exam. The results have arrived and we are really pleased with how well the children have done. Here are the results –

Year 5 & 6 exam level			
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Nirav Maharaj – participated	Ryan Jorgensen – participated	Jesse Zillwood – excellence	Hayley Jorgensen - distinction
Madison Gibson - participated	Lily Young – participated	Lily Allen - merit	
	Lachlan Emslie – achieved		
	Nadia Peng – merit		
	Carter Jessop – participated		
	Ava Viljoen Thomson - participated		

Year 7 & 8 exam level	
Year 7	Year 8
Lucas Birks – achieved	Bailey Lochore-Halpin – merit
Liam Janssen – achieved	Sarah Teale – excellence
Brooklyn Snelgrove – participated	Georgia Westgate - achieved
Cole Viljoen-Thomson – merit	
Connor Williams-Thomas - excellence	

### **Speech Competition Results 2018**

Year	Name	Topic	Placing
1	Mya Hoebergen	My Hatchimal	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Kaitlyn Peng	My Hatchimal	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Liam Surgenor	My Soccer Ball	3 <sup>rd</sup>
2	Evie Wilson	Jaguars	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Bella Gyde	My Blanket	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Chloe Gyde	My Teddy Bear	3 <sup>rd</sup>
3	Elijah Esselbrugge	Why imagination is better than tv	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Zakk McDonagh	Why fitness is better than tv	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Cooper Hobbs	Why dogs are better than cats	3 <sup>rd</sup>
4	Ava Viljoen-Thomson	Why we should believe in ourselves	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Mason Newbold	The Great White Shark	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Lily Young	Plastic Bags	3 <sup>rd</sup>
5	Tamsin Rose	Why you should not be a bully	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Lewis Surgenor	Why Fortnite is beneficial	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Isla Kahaki	Why we shouldn't have to do speeches	3 <sup>rd</sup>
6	Ella Sumner	Plastic is killing our sea life	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Finley O'Rourke	Why plastic bags are bad	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Karenza Curtis	Plastic pollution	3 <sup>rd</sup>
7	Cooper Miller	Why we should change the dictionary	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Connor Williams-Thomas	Why the Earth isn't flat	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Lucas Birks	Deforestation	3 <sup>rd</sup>
8	Ella Kells	Why little country schools are better than big city schools	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Isaac Collinson	Did we actually land on the moon?	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Georgia Westgate	Is a Bulldog right for you?	3 <sup>rd</sup>

**The Junior Speech Cup was awarded to Elijah Esselbrugge**

**The Overall Winner of the Senior Speech Competition 2018 – Ella Kells**



## REMINDERS

### **Ballot Reminder**

The closing date for receipt of applications for out of zone places is **4.00 p.m. THURSDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2018.**

Rotokauri School Board of Trustees has determined that there are likely to be the following approximate number of places for entry in 2019:

**New Entrant/Year 1: 12 places**

### **Sunhats**

Our school policy is that students and staff wear the Rotokauri School sunhats during Term 1 and Term 4. Please ensure that these sunhats do not have embellishments and/or graffiti – if they do, they will need to be replaced. New sunhats are available from the school office at a cost of \$15.00.

### **Class Sharing**

#### **Room 7 - Haiku Poems**



The subzero wind  
Freezes the whole entire  
Land and countryside

Daksh.P



Spring  
Flowers start to bloom.  
Birds whistle up in the sky.  
The sun starts to shine.

By Ella. B



I love shopping  
heaps.  
I have lots of friends  
at school.

I have a good life

By Layton

## **WINTER – Created by Room 8**

Winter stabbed  
Through the skin it encountered with  
Slipping through the cracks and smashing  
through the doors;  
Rampaging through the leaves leaving a trail  
of death-  
But made no sound like a silent pause

**Winter ruined  
Through the small village  
Killing all noises and tree life;  
Sending animals into hibernation,  
But never was he seen**

Winter scaled up the anxious trees  
Icing leaves and twigs;  
Stiffened nature and silenced all sound-  
But made less noise than a growing sprig

**Winter demolished  
through the blistering forest  
Bulldozing everything in its path;  
Crushed each leaf and destroyed each web-  
Making everything a bloodbath**

**Winter hopped  
Throughout the damp alpine snow.  
Leaving thick deep paw prints;  
Crushing each icicle-stone in his path-  
But never a sound was made, throughout his journey.**

Winter Whistled  
The harsh blast of snow,  
Slicing through every leaf in sight;  
Downing grey clouds-  
Casting an interesting light.

**Winter stalked  
Through the empty hall  
Creaking every loose floorboard;  
Lifting every speck of dust and freezing each lonely  
corner-  
Howling his sound like nails on a chalkboard.**

Winter *Breathed*  
Through the misty woods  
Whirling the autumn leaves into a grand tornado;  
Killing each plant and froze each blade-  
But no one ever followed his **shadow**

Winter crept  
Through the dark fields  
Ripping life from every living thing;  
Bringing with him the deafening sound of thunder-  
but not a sound he made

**Winter raged**  
Through the stormy night  
Spraying everything in its path;  
Bringing a curse of death to everything living,  
But not a noise he makes

Winter lay  
On the crisp window glass  
Watching fires burn;  
Absorbed into books-  
Four lines twelve words.

**Winter played  
Through the magical wood  
Throwing snowballs in its path;  
Touching each tree to hide from someone-  
But never had a true friend next to him.**

Winter wrapped  
around the dancing wood  
turning the trees to stone;  
Blurring my vision-  
Piercing through my bone.

*Winter shot  
Through the cracked door  
Arrows of terror;  
Freezing everything in its path-  
Never to be slowed down*

Winter tip-toed  
Through the forest in the dark of the  
night brushing leaves as he went past;  
Slashing trees and slowly detaching webs,  
But never a noise he made.

**Winter smirked  
through the wailing dungeon  
Painting the walls with monochromatic colours;  
The sound of broken hearts echoes...-  
An empty void lingering in his heart**

**Winter demolished  
Through the whistling alleyways  
Stabbing trees and structures;  
Shattering walls and freezing floors-  
Not a noise he made...**

# TENNIS LESSONS

**Starting:** Tuesday 16 October - 20 November 2018 (6 weeks)

**Time:** 4.30-5.15 for Novices and  
5.15 - 6.00 pm Advanced

**Where:** Rotokauri School Tennis Courts

**Tutor:** Alby Ellis, PE teacher at Hamilton Boys High School

**Cost:** \$60 - to be paid at beginning of term.

**Information:** Alby has a fun, friendly effective method for teaching the children tennis. He has been successfully teaching tennis at our school for a number of years and also teaches at other schools and St Peters tennis club.

**Tennis court access:** Rotokauri School Tennis Court keys can be purchased from the school office for use out of hours

**Contact:** Miranda at [Collinsons@hotmail.com](mailto:Collinsons@hotmail.com) with your child/rens name, age, experience or any questions.



## TRY THESE QUICK FRUIT MUFFINS

LABEL READING

- 1 c flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 c oats
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/3 c sugar
- ¼ c oil
- 1 egg – beaten
- ¾ c low fat milk
- 1 c diced fruit

1. Sift flour and baking powder, add other dry ingredients
2. Mix fruit with egg, milk and oil. Add to dry ingredients
3. Mix until just combined
4. Spoon into muffin trays
5. Bake at 180°C for 15 – 20 mins

Developed by Sport Waikato 2018

## DITCH THE PACKETS!

A little time spent preparing food at home allows you to make healthy choices, no label reading needed!

LABEL READING

Muesli bars	Homemade fruit muffin	Chips	Cheese & grainy crackers
Fruit string	Dried fruit (3 apricots)	Shapes	Plain popcorn
Biscuits	Fruit	Fruit Drink	Water flavoured at home

Developed by Sport Waikato 2018

# Gumboots & Grasshoppers

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www.gumbootsandgrasshoppers.co.nz



## Artz on Show School Holiday

### Performing Arts Workshop

This is a fun yet educational week for students  
aged 5 – 15 years

Students participate in a range of performing arts classes,  
concluding the week with a performance!

8 - 12 October 2018, 9 am – 4 pm daily

Held at Southwell School

View our website; [www.artzonshow.co.nz](http://www.artzonshow.co.nz)

or contact Hayley on either

[artz@artzonshow.co.nz](mailto:artz@artzonshow.co.nz) or 0800 667 469

**ARTZONSHOW.**

# SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Monday 8 October until Friday 12 October

9am to 3pm

\$10 per family per day

Registrations Essential

AM & PM Tea provided—Please bring a packed  
lunch

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